

89-107 directed to an extension arm; Group II, claims 75-88, directed to an end cap; Group III, claims 108-117, directed to a forearm extension; and Group IV, claims 118-171, directed to a method of making an extension arm. In view of the requirements set forth by the Examiner for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant hereby elects the Group I invention, corresponding to claims 1-74 and 89-107. Applicant further cancels the non-elected claims 75-88 and 108-171 without disclaimer or prejudice. In this regard, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications with respect to the non-elected inventions.

Applicant also submits herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant accordingly requests that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the prior art cited by Applicant. In addition, Applicant advises the Examiner of the existence of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 27, 2000 and January 24, 2001. Acknowledgement of the prior art cited in the latter two Information Disclosure Statements is also requested.


An action on the merits is respectfully awaited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the foregoing action cannot be taken, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections she may have. If there are any fees to be incurred in

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connection with the response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit No. 12-1095 therefor.

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